

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A card adapter for coupling a compact memory card to a card receiver compliant with a CompactFlash Association Standard, the card adapter comprising:

an adapter body insertable along a first direction into a card receiver, said adapter body having an inlet for receiving along a second direction a compact memory card, said first and second directions being orthogonal, said adapter body and said card receiver ~~are~~ being coplanar; and

a circuit board within said adapter body for electrically connecting said card receiver and ~~said~~ a compact memory card, said circuit board comprising;

a first connector for electrically connecting said card adapter to said card receiver;

a second connector connecting said card adapter to ~~said~~ a compact memory card;

and

a main board, a sub-board, and a flexible bend connecting the main board and the sub-board, the main board and the sub-board being folded at the flexible bend such that the main board and the sub-board face each other within the adapter body, the circuit board providing a circuit coupling said first and second connectors for converting signals between said first and second connectors,  
wherein a surface of the adapter body, the sub-board, and the housing of the second

connector form a card holder configured to hold a compact memory card therein,

the card holder is within the adapter body, and

the housing of the second connector maintaining a distance between the main board and  
the sub-board which face each other.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) The card adapter of claim ~~18~~16, wherein the sub-board mounts the first connector and the second connector to a same surface, the main board mounts a signal processing circuit to the same surface, and the first connector and the second connector are connected via the signal processing circuit.

20. (Currently Amended) The card adapter of claim ~~18~~16, wherein at least one of the main board and the sub-board in a folded structure has an opening equal to or wider than the card holder in a portion corresponding to the card holder.

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21. (Currently Amended) The card adapter of claim ~~18~~20, wherein the main board is L-shaped and is positioned on a second connector housing when the main board is folded.

22. (Currently Amended) The card adapter of claim ~~18~~20, wherein the card holder is formed between one surface of the adapter body and the sub-board.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) the card adapter of claim 16, wherein the circuit board connects the first connector and the second connector electrically, and mounts a circuit to convert a pin arrangement.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The card adapter of claim 16,  
wherein a compact memory card is in the card holder,  
the first connector and the second connector are on the sub-board,  
a signal processing circuit is on the main board, and  
the main board is mounted to a circuit board support on a housing of the second  
connector to maintain a predetermined distance between the sub-board and the main board for  
~~coupling a compact memory card to a card receiver compliant with a CompactFlash Association~~

Standard, the card adapter comprising:

~~—— an adapter body insertable along a first direction into a card receiver, said body having an inlet for receiving along a second direction a compact memory card, said first and second directions being orthogonal, said adapter body and said card receiver are coplanar;~~

~~—— a circuit board within said body for electrically connecting said card receiver and said compact memory card, said circuit board comprising;~~

~~—— a first connector for electrically connecting said card adapter to said card receiver;~~

~~—— a second connector connecting said card adapter to said compact memory card; and~~

~~—— a circuit coupling said first and second connectors for converting signals between said first and second connectors; and~~

~~—— a holder for the compact memory card inserted from the inlet, wherein the circuit board mounts a signal processing circuit, the first connector and the second connector on one surface, and has a structure enable to fold until both of the circuit boards face each other, and wherein the surface mounted with the signal processing circuit is appressed to a circuit board support provided on a housing of the second connector to keep a distance between both of the folded circuit boards in a prescribed dimension.~~

27. (Previously Presented) The card adapter of claim 26, wherein the circuit board connects the first connector and the second connector electrically, and mounts a circuit to convert a pin arrangement.

28. (Currently Amended) A card adapter for coupling a compact memory card to a card receiver compliant with a CompactFlash Association Standard, the card adapter comprising:

an adapter body insertable along a first direction into a card receiver, said adapter body having an inlet for receiving along a second direction a compact memory card, said first and second directions being orthogonal, said adapter body and said card receiver ~~are~~ being coplanar; and

a circuit board within said adapter body for electrically connecting said card receiver and ~~said a~~ a compact memory card, said circuit board comprising:

a first connector for electrically connecting said card adapter to said card receiver;

a second connector connecting said card adapter to ~~said a~~ a compact memory card;

and

a main board, a sub-board, and a flexible bend connecting the main board and the sub-board, the main board and the sub-board being folded at the flexible bend such that the main board and the sub-board face each other within the adapter body, the circuit board providing a circuit coupling said first and second connectors for converting signals between said first and second connectors; and  
wherein a surface of the adapter body, the sub-board, and the housing of the second connector, form a card holder configured to hold a compact memory card therein,  
the card holder is within the adapter body.

the housing of the second connector maintaining a distance between the main board and the sub-board which face each other, and

~~a holder for the compact memory card inserted from the inlet, wherein the circuit board mounts a signal processing circuit, the first connector and the second connector on one surface, and has a structure enable to fold until both of the circuit boards face each other, and wherein the circuit board is in a folded configuration structure where the both circuit boards face each other is attached bonded to the adapter body with insulating adhesives to maintain keep a prescribed distance between the main board and the sub-board. both of the folded circuit boards in a prescribed dimension.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The card adapter of claim 28, wherein the adapter body has a top surface and a bottom surface, and the main board is bonded inside of the top surface via an insulating adhesive layer and the sub-board is bonded inside of the bottom surface via the adhesive layer.

30. (Previously Presented) The card adapter of claim 28, wherein the circuit board connects the first connector and the second connector electrically, and mounts a circuit to convert a pin arrangement.

31. (New) The card adapter of claim 16, wherein the main board is L-shaped,

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the card holder formed by the main board and the sub-board are configured which face each other in a folded structure providing forming an opening equal to or wider than the card holder in a portion corresponding to the card holder, sufficient to receive a compact memory card,

the card holder is ~~formed~~ being between one surface of the adapter body and the sub-board, and

the one surface of the adapter body holds the inserted compact memory card.